

in favor of Amendment No. 11. A vote No is a vote against. Delegate Key.

DELEGATE KEY: I am sorry to delay the proceedings but I have a question.

THE PRESIDENT: State the question.

DELEGATE KEY: If line 16 says "shall be eligible to vote", how can you put further qualification in line 17 "if registered".

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: The present Constitution and the present laws state that there are certain eligibility requirements which one must have in order to register to vote. What we have established in section 2.01 is the eligibility. If the eligibility is met then the voter must register. After that step he is then qualified to vote in any of the elections.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Key, the Chair would point out to you in all of the succeeding sections the phrase that is used in referring to voters is qualified voters. So that it means a person who is eligible and who is registered.

DELEGATE KEY: I am wondering further. That is all right.

THE PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 11. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your votes.

*(Whereupon, the roll call vote was taken.)*

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 101 votes in the affirmative and 1 in the negative, the motion carries. The amendment is adopted. Delegate Koss, the Chair has been handed Amendment K. Is there any desire to offer it?

DELEGATE KOSS: No.

THE PRESIDENT: If this were not the very dignified Constitutional Convention of Maryland, meeting for the first time in one hundred years, the Chair would be disposed at this point to say Glory Hallelujah, we have concluded the second reading.

*(Applause.)*

Now to some lighter tasks.

Consideration of Committee Recommendation GP-13. This is the schedule of transitional provisions and the schedule of legislation. It is going to be somewhat difficult to present this to you in an orderly manner because so many persons have participated in the preparation and the compilation really of the various sections of this draft and because it touches upon the work of every substantive committee.

As the Chair previously advised you, it is desired to present to you a full explanation so that hopefully there will not be any difficulty encountered in debate and voting on the various provisions. You should have before you the blue copy, Committee Recommendation GP-13, and also it is imperative that you have before you the Committee Memorandum GP-13 which is just about as extensive. The Chair suggests that you not have before you other recommendations because I believe you will find in the Committee Recommendation sufficient information to enable you to identify every other section thus far adopted on second reading, which is referred to in the blue recommendation.

As you can readily understand, there have been problems involved in preparing Committee Recommendation GP-13 during the past few weeks while this Convention has been considering the various recommendations. It has been virtually impossible to keep abreast of the section numbering and any changes in the section numbers.

The Chair would be greatly surprised if there are not somewhere in the committee recommendations erroneous section references due to the fact that since the Committee Recommendation GP-13 was prepared, we have altered some of the sections referred to. Please, if you note these, call them to the attention of everybody by taking the floor at the time. It will be helpful if you do that.

In order to present the memorandum to you in some kind of coherent style, the Chair will request all of the clerks to leave the clerk's desk so that the desks will be available during the presentation and the question and answer period for the sole use of the committee chairmen and their staff. Delegate Boyer, as Chairman of the Committee on General Provisions, will make the presentation. He will be assisted by the two staff members who have done most of the detail work in the preparation of the recommendation and the memorandum.